

flashy P.R. gestures. Consequently, Senator ENZI and I have decided to re-introduce the bill in the 106th Congress.

Mr. President, to the veterans of Wyoming, and the United States as a whole, the bells represent a lasting memorial to those fifty-four American soldiers killed as a result of an unprovoked insurgent attack in Balangiga on September 28, 1901. In their view, which I share, any attempt to remove either or both of the bells—and in doing so actually physically dismantling a war memorial—is a desecration of that memory.

S. 404 will protect the bells and similar veterans memorials from such an ignoble fate. The bill is quite simple; it prohibits the transfer of a veterans memorial or any portion thereof to a foreign country or government unless specifically authorized by law; Representative BARBARA CUBIN is introducing similar legislation this week in the House. I am pleased to be joined by Senators ENZI, HELMS, HAGEL, SMITH of Oregon, MURKOWSKI, SMITH of New Hampshire, ROBERTS, SESSIONS, NICKLES, and COVERDELL as original cosponsors. I trust that my colleagues will support its swift passage.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 1999, the Secretary of the Senate, on February 12, 1999, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 27. Concurrent resolution providing for an adjournment or recess of the two Houses.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 391. An act to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small business with certain Federal paperwork requirements, to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses, and for other purposes.

H.R. 437. An act to provide for a Chief Financial Officer in the Executive Office of the President.

H.R. 705. An act to make technical corrections with respect to the monthly reports submitted by the Postmaster General on official mail of the House of Representatives.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 852(b) of Public Law 105-244, the Minority Leader appoints the following Member and individual to the Web-Based Education Commission: Mr. FATTAH of Pennsylvania and Mr. Doug King of St. Louis, Missouri.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 3(b) of Public Law 105-341, the Minority Leader appoints the following Member and individuals to the Woman's Progress Commemoration Commission: Ms. SLAUGHTER of New York, Ms. Clayola Brown of New York, New York, and Ms. Barbara Haney of Irvine, New Jersey.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 955(b)(1)(B) of Public Law 105-93, the Minority Leader reappoints the following Member to the National Council on the Arts: Mrs. LOWEY of New York.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 1928a, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House to the United States Group of the North Atlantic Assembly: Mr. BEREUTER of Nebraska, Chairman, Mr. BATEMAN of Virginia, Mr. BLILEY of Virginia, Mr. BOEHLERT of New York, Mr. REGULA of Ohio, Mr. GOSS of Florida, Mr. DEUTCH of Florida, Mr. BORSKI of Pennsylvania, Mr. LANTOS of California, and Mr. RUSH of Illinois.

The message further announced that pursuant to the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 276d, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. HOUGHTON of New York, Chairman.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 276h, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. KOLBE of Arizona, Chairman.

The message further announced that pursuant to subsection (c)(3) of division A of Public Law 105-277, the Minority Leader appoints the following individuals to the Trade Deficit Review Commission: Mr. George Becker of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Mr. Kenneth Lewis of Portland, Oregon, and Mr. Michael Wessel of Falls Church, Virginia.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER, from the Committee on Armed Services, without amendment:

S. 257. A bill to state the policy of the United States regarding the deployment of a missile defense capable of defending the territory of the United States against limited ballistic missile attack (Rept. No. 106-4).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI:

S. 426. A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Huna Totem Corporation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BURNS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. BOND, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. NICKLES):

S. 427. A bill to improve congressional deliberation on proposed Federal private sector mandates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Governmental Affairs, pursuant to the order of August 4, 1977, with instructions that if one Committee reports, the other Committee have thirty days to report or be discharged.

By Mr. GORTON:

S. 428. A bill to amend the Agricultural Market Transition Act to ensure that producers of all classes of soft white wheat (including club wheat) are permitted to repay marketing assistance loans, or receive loan deficiency payments, for the wheat at the same rate; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 429. A bill to designate the legal public holiday of "Washington's Birthday" as "Presidents' Day" in honor of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin Roosevelt and in recognition of the importance of the institution of the Presidency and the contributions that Presidents have made to the development of our Nation and the principles of freedom and democracy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 37. A resolution to express gratitude for the service of the Chief Justice of the United States as Presiding Officer during the impeachment trial; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 38. A resolution to waive the Standing Rules of the Senate in order to permit a resolution authorizing Senate committee expenditures for the period March 1, 1999 through September 30, 1999; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. Res. 39. A resolution commending June Ellenoff O'Neill for her service to Congress and to the Nation; considered and agreed to.

S. Res. 40. A resolution commending James L. Blum for his service to Congress and to the Nation; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. THURMOND (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. BYRD, Mr.